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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and consumer sized toms with hens strongest. Demand and trading light with activity consisting mostly of distributive interest. Frozen offerings light on hens, light to adequate on toms with product the most available from the Midwest. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for the limited offerings. Some sellers have started to express increased confidence in the overall market as they listen to rumors of damage done by hurricane Floyd in the East and anticipate the consequences of the lost turkey production. Meanwhile, others watch for reports of pork production losses in the East from hurricane Floyd and possible benefits for dark meat items.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry light to good, mostly fair to good on frozen thigh meat with best interest noted for Mexico. Interest is on frozen thigh meat noted from Asia however, some buyers are reluctant to pay market levels. Tom 2-joint wing demand fair. Trading light.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INS		LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS				
	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>RANGE</u>			
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-95	FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-94			
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-95	FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-100			
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-95	BREASTS 10-12#	151-152			
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-95	COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP				
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104	DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE			
		FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-98			
		FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-98			
		FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-82			
		FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80			
		FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-81			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VO	OLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS				` ,		, ,		` ,	
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-		
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	76	76.00	40	-	-	-		
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-		
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-		

^{1/} May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degress F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, frozen thigh meat steady to fully steady, fresh tom breast meat generally steady. Some sellers starting to express increased confidence in the market as they listen to rumors of damage done last week by hurricane Floyd in the East and anticipate the consequences of the lost production. Inquiry light to good on frozen thigh meat with best interest noted for Mexico. Interest is noted from Asia on frozen thigh meat, however, some buyers are reluctant to pay current market levels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	104.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	19.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	9
NECKS, TOM		F	16.53	43
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	175.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	190.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	55.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.60	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F F	110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		Г	73.50	80
TENDERLOINS DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	57.00		57.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	37.00	М	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.80	200
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EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		_		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.50	104
TAILS		R_	13.00	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	50.00	F	21.25	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00		59.00	156

1/CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.